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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116(b)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2002 please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

- (Twice amended) An apparatus comprising;
 - a vehicle occupant protection device;
- a gas generating material, which upon combustion produces a gas product that actuates said vehicle occupant

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